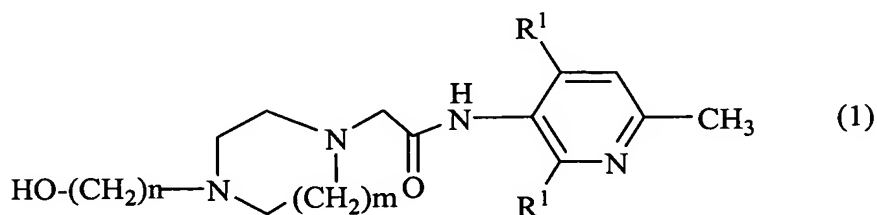


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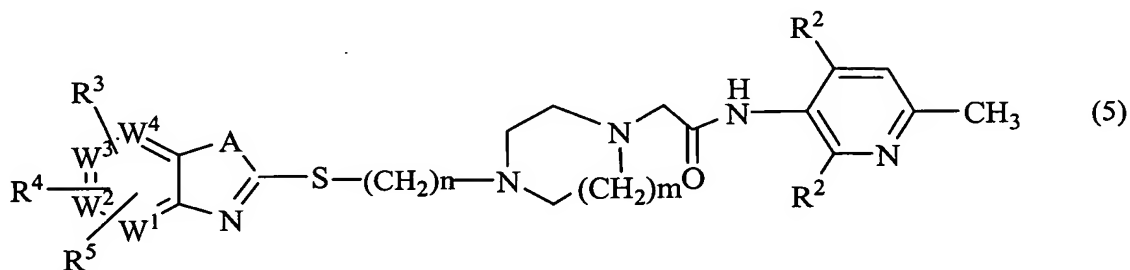
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A hydroxyalkyl cyclic diamine compound represented by the following formula (1):



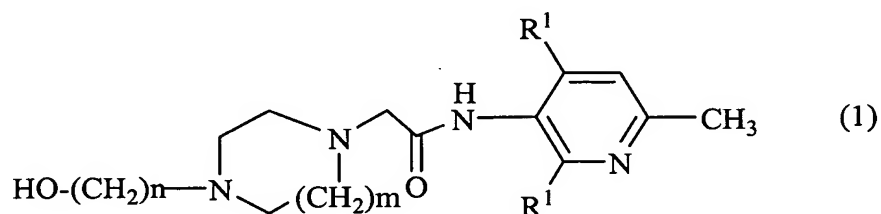
(~~wherein~~ wherein R¹ denotes a halogen atom, m is 1 or 2, and n is an integer of 1 to 6). ~~6~~. 6.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A process for producing a cyclic diamine derivative represented by the following formula (5) or a salt thereof:

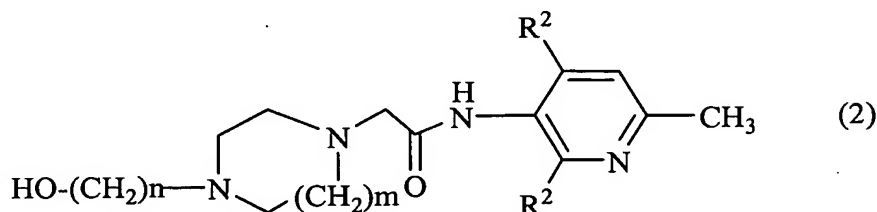


(~~wherein~~ wherein A denotes NH, an oxygen atom, or a sulfur atom; wherein each of W¹ to W⁴ denotes CH or any one of the W¹ to W⁴ denotes a nitrogen atom while the other three of W¹ to W⁴ denote CH, R² denotes a lower alkylthio group, a mono- or di-lower-alkylamino group, a cyclic amino group, a lower alkoxy group, a halo-lower alkoxy group, or a lower alkoxy lower alkoxy group, and each of R³, R⁴, and R⁵ denotes a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, a

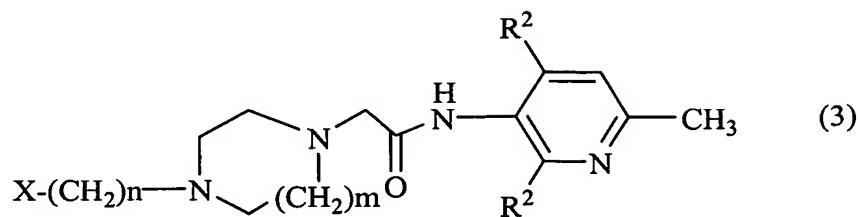
halo-lower alkyl group, a halo-lower alkoxy group, a lower alkoxy lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylcarbonyl group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkylsulfinyl group, a lower alkylsulfonyl group, a nitro group, or a cyano group, m is 1 or 2, and n is an integer of 1 to 6) ~~6, characterized in that the method comprises~~ comprising reacting a hydroxyalkyl cyclic diamine compound represented by the following formula (1):



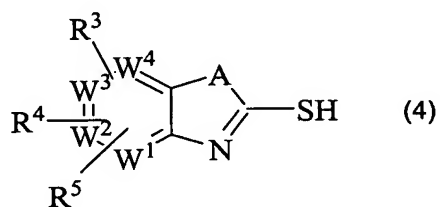
~~(wherein wherein~~ wherein  $R^1$  denotes a halogen atom, and each of m and n has the same meaning as defined ~~above~~) above with  $R^2H$  (~~wherein wherein~~ wherein  $R^2$  has the same meaning as defined ~~above~~) above, to ~~thereby~~ form a compound represented by the following formula (2):



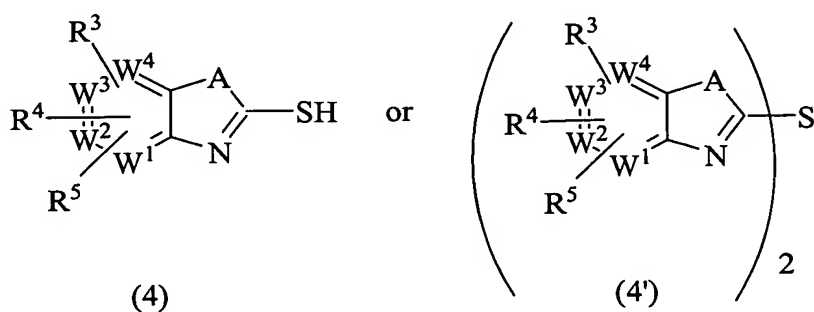
~~(wherein wherein~~ wherein each of  $R^2$ , m, and n has the same meaning as mentioned above ~~above~~); transforming the hydroxyl group of the compound represented by formula (2) into a leaving group, to thereby form a compound represented by the following formula (3):



(~~wherein~~ wherein X denotes a leaving group, and each of R<sup>2</sup>, m, and n has the same meaning as defined ~~above~~) above; and reacting the compound (3) with a thiol derivative represented by the following formula (4):

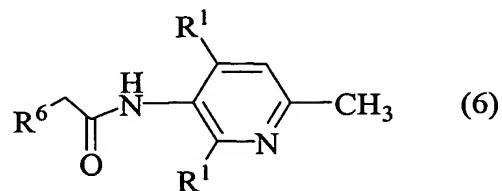


(~~wherein~~ wherein each of A, W<sup>1</sup> to W<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> has the same meaning as defined ~~above~~) above, or reacting the compound (2) with a thiol derivative represented by the following formula (4) or (4'):



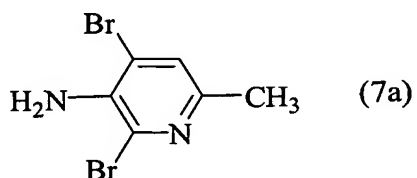
(~~wherein~~ wherein each of A, W<sup>1</sup> to W<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> to R<sup>5</sup> has the same meaning as defined ~~above~~) above in the presence of a phosphorus k compound.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An acetamide compound represented by the following formula (6):



(~~wherein~~ wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>, which may be identical to or different from each other, denotes a halogen ~~atom~~) atom.

Claim 4 (Original): 3-Amino-2, 4-dibromo-6-methylpyridine represented by the following formula (7a).



Claim 5 (Original): 2, 4-Dibromo-6-methyl-3-nitropyridine represented by the following formula (24).

